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Richmond Dispatch.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCULATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWSPAPERS OF THE CITY.

TUESDAY.....APRIL 23, 1878.

WEATHER REPORT.
INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle States, southerly winds, with numerous rains, shifting to cooler northerly winds, with partly cloudy weather, and falling followed by rising barometer.

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States, southerly winds, stationary temperature and pressure, partly cloudy weather, and occasional rains.

Cautionary signals are ordered for Cape Lookout, Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, Cape Henry, Norfolk, Lanes, Cape May, Atlantic City, Barnegat, and Sandy Hook.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and warm.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 62; 9 A. M., 72; noon, 82; 3 P. M., 87; 6 P. M., 84; midnight, 79.

SEWER-GAS.
Editors of the Dispatch: I am truly glad (at last) to see that this poison, sewer-gas, is attracting attention. It is, in my judgment, well for this city to ponder this question and adopt a speedy remedy for this great evil. I see various remedies are suggested in the press, and the one which I think best for dwelling-houses is a good and wise one, based on natural law; is simple, and as economical as any I can suggest at this time. Gas, like smoke, is much lighter than the atmosphere (air), and gas will, if allowed, ascend up into the clouds, be gathered and brought back to the earth in rains, snows, frosts, fogs, and dews, to fertilize and enrich the soil (the earth). What is necessary to carry this gas upwards to a point out of harm's way—that is, to a point above the height of dwelling-houses, which we live and breathe this foul poison—are stacks or chimneys, placed at different points on the streets where the gas-traps are located (but do no good whatever), constructed so as to draw upward like a furnace-stack or chimney. This stack, thus placed, taking the gas and smoke from the lower side of the box, will draw the stack be high enough, and will require no power to force it, the sewer itself being the air-pipe to give velocity to the current of gas always ascending. Some will object to the stack being on the vent, as the smoke will be drawn up and against it; but all the objections that can be brought against it will not remove the fact that sewer-gas should be confined until it is carried upward to a height where, if it spreads or scatters, it will not be breathed by the people who live in the city, and destroy them. A little taste in the construction of these stacks, made of brick or stone, will give them a good appearance, especially when we know they are life-preservers, as they will surely prove it tried.

G. WATZ.
(In these stacks in some cities it is proposed to keep gas burning as a means of assuring an upward current of air.)

A Registering Ballot-Box.
[Hartford, Conn.]

Mr. A. W. Roberts, superintendent of the Hartford fire-alarm telegraph, has invented a very ingenious device to be attached to the ordinary ballot-box, by which each single ballot is numbered and its number registered, so that the number of stamped ballots in the box corresponds with the number shown on the register. It is a simple cast-iron box, six inches square, with a front of thick transparent glass, revealing the entire mechanism, which is very simple, and makes merely a single reciprocating motion without gearing of any kind. There is a slit-like aperture on the lower side of the box, for which the ballot-box proper is the floor, and the voter passes his ballot into the box through the aperture when the attendant turns a little crank one revolution, and a bell strikes, the ballot is printed with a number, and the same number appears on the rotating register. It is seen by all. These motions are all simultaneous, and as soon as a ballot is deposited no more can be put in till the attendant turns the crank, and thus opens the aperture, which is closed by a slide. If two ballots folded or rolled together are put in, as is often done, the number will be numbered one, only. By this means, the number of ballots, by this course, the other will not be counted. This numbering is done by printing, the device being that of the ordinary office-ribbon hand-stamp, except that this is operated by the mechanism. When the balloting is concluded the crank is locked, the ballot-box is opened, and the number of ballots cast may be known at a glance at the close of the voting without referring to the check-lists. The registry counter may be made to record any number desired, as only four dials are required to show up to 9,999. One of the best features of the device is its extreme simplicity, which insures certainty of action and reliability.

Ho! pretty page with the dimpled chin, that never hath known the barber's shear, go on with your mooning by night and your dreaming by day, for the ideal one is sure to turn up in the fulness of time. The last case of maniacism was reported from the city of Evansville, Ind. A physician, soon after leading his bride to the altar, wrote a letter to a college friend in North Georgia, informing him of what had happened, and advising him, after the manner of a bridegroom, to go and do likewise. The rising young man replied, "I am sorry that he could only meet his ideal, and then followed a pen-pen-pen of the woman for whom his soul languished, all the mental and physical charms which found a place in his appreciation being duly mentioned in the description. While passing along the street, one day, he happened to see a young lady of exquisite beauty and rare intelligence, and like a flash he recognized her as the embodiment of the lawyer's dream. He made inquiries at once and learned that she lived in Kentucky, and was visiting some friends in Evansville; and he subsequently procured, without her knowledge, one of her photographs and sent it to the promising young lawyer. This gentleman was pleased with the counterfeited presentment, and acknowledged by the next mail that it indeed was the face of his ideal. Subsequently he paid a visit to her father's house in Owensboro, and presented letters of introduction from Messrs. Stephens and Hill; and after a short courtship destiny had her way, the marriage ceremony being performed in the Baptist church of the town late last week.

Some years ago—it was in 1867—the elder Mr. Bennett, of the Herald, sent for one of his editorial writers, and in a great rage scolded him for repeatedly using the prefix "Mr." when speaking of Horace Greeley, whom the Herald was then urging on the Legislature as a candidate for United States Senator. He illustrated his meaning by asking the question, "You wouldn't speak of Mr. Socrates, would you? Greeley's a greater philosopher than Socrates ever was." The abashed editor promised never to repeat the offense.

John Cass, of Delaware, can whip the man who calls him Jack for short.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CHURCH NOTES.—At the First English Lutheran church the first anniversary of the church was celebrated on Sunday. The church and Sunday-school rooms were tastefully decorated. At the morning service eighteen persons were received into the church, and the Lord's Supper was administered. The church was crowded to its fullest capacity. In the afternoon the two Sunday schools of the church met together to celebrate their first anniversary. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Miller, of Staunton, followed the pastor in a very interesting and appropriate address. At night another large congregation assembled. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Miller, alluded to the fact of this being their first anniversary, and what by the blessing of God had been accomplished during the year; that they had doubled their membership; that their congregations had increased from forty a year ago to several hundred now. He spoke with gratitude of a young friend in the city who had shown him and his people kindness and sympathy, and urged the members to fuller consecration to the work of the Lord. Professor Miller then preached a most earnest and eloquent sermon. The singing was led by a volunteer choir, and contributed very greatly to the interest of the services.

At Centenary Methodist church on Sunday there were five additions by certificate. At Clay-Street church there were three additions to the Sunday school. At Trinity church eight persons were received—five on profession and three on certificate. Two persons were baptized. At the Manchester church there were two additions to the Sunday school. There were seven conversions during the week and the meetings continue. Rev. Drs. Felt and Johnson were at the Methodist preachers' meeting yesterday and gave an interesting account of the International Sunday-School Convention recently held at Atlanta, Ga., and from which they have just returned.

Sunday was Easter-day, and in the Catholic and Episcopal churches it was appropriately celebrated as the queen festival of the Church. In some of the churches there were beautiful floral offerings and the music was rich and joyous.

Fully 5,000 persons, white and colored, were present on Sunday at the baptism of 233 colored persons by Rev. Scott Gwynn, of the Fourth Baptist church, which took place in Gillie's creek near the foot of Chimborazo Hill. After the baptismal ceremony the candidates received the right-hand of fellowship and the communion. The service occupied several hours.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of Leigh-street Baptist Church Missionary Society was held Sunday afternoon—President Billups in the chair, and F. R. Burr, Jr., secretary. The meeting was well attended, and the regular business. Reports of the standing committees were presented and appropriately disposed of.

Mr. W. C. Ammons presented a report from the committee appointed to superintend the erection of a chapel on the corner of Clay and Third streets, stating that the house had been completed and would be ready for occupancy in a week's time. The building is of frame, 36 by 32 feet, and will seat 125 people. The whole amount for its erection has been paid, but an additional \$100 is needed to complete the interior. Mr. Ammons has kindly furnished thirty benches, and Messrs. A. B. Clarke, W. J. Morrow, Ryland, and others have also presented to the committee several useful articles. The report of the committee was unanimously adopted after a speech from Mr. E. J. Childrey.

Mr. Savage Smith was elected trustee in place of Stephen Childrey, deceased. Mr. W. F. Crump presented resolutions of respect to the memory of the late venerable Stephen Childrey, which were unanimously adopted.

After some remarks from Messrs. Cole, Gathright, and Ammons, the Society adjourned.

THE POSTAL PARTY.—The postal committee to arrange for fast connections between New York, Washington, and Havana, which reached Richmond on Sunday night and made their headquarters at the Exchange Hotel. The following composed the party: Postmaster-General D. M. Key, Senator Hamlin and wife, Miss Fennell, Maine; Mr. W. P. Norton, wife, Chicago; Mrs. Wood, H. A. Freeman, W. A. Knapp, Hon. H. C. Nixon, H. L. Nicholas, H. Coyle, Washington, D. C.; Miss Paget, Tennessee; H. T. Reed, United States army; Eugene Claves, Cleveland, Ohio; General Wardman, Pittsburgh; Alexander McDonough, Lynchburg, Va.; and Mr. Donnelly. They were received by Governor Hollister, and after breakfast visited in the various points of interest in the city, &c. In the afternoon they were entertained at the Commercial Club-rooms, and at night left for Washington.

TEMPERANCE REVIVAL AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.—Petersburg Sons of Temperance will institute two more divisions this month. Public meetings are being held all over the State. The next divisions have been organized in Lynchburg and vicinity are being made to hold temperance prayer-meetings during the whole summer. Public temperance meetings will be held on Sunday evenings in various localities in the city. The semi-annual session of the Grand Division will take place at City Point the fourth Tuesday in next month at 10 A. M. At Ebenezer Baptist church (colored), on Sunday, Rev. R. Wells paid a tribute to the temperance work of Mr. Doubney and others.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Harry Dempsey, a little boy about ten years old, son of Mr. Albert K. Dempsey, while playing on the pavement in front of the new building on Broad street near Fifth, was struck on the head by a brick which fell from the top of the building, producing a fracture of the skull. He was taken up and carried into Wagner's drug-store, where his wound was dressed; afterwards he was removed to his home. His condition is reported very critical.

ACTIVITY IN THE BANKRUPT COURT.—The officials in the Bankrupt Court have been actively engaged for several days in filing and preparing to file petitions in bankruptcy. The daily expectation of the repeal of the act by Congress is inducing, or rather forcing, into this court some of our best citizens. Many of the cases that are now before the court are said to be of a deserving character and the result of actual business reverses and misfortune.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY FOR TWO YEARS.—In the Hungry Court yesterday ex-Magistrate D. J. McCormick, charged with passing counterfeit national-bank notes of the Bank of Hanover, Pa., was tried and convicted and his imprisonment ascertained to be for two years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial was made and continued until Saturday, on which day the court will probably adjourn, having disposed of its docket except a few civil cases. The Sunday liquor-cases will be taken up to-day.

POLITICAL.—The City Conservative Committee will hold a meeting at the Merchants' Hotel to-morrow evening to make the final arrangements for holding the primary election on the 7th of May.

THE COLORED PEOPLE'S PARADE.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT CELEBRATION—THE CROWD ADDRESSED BY POSTMASTER-GENERAL KEY AND MR. KIRK WOOD.

The colored people of this city to the number of several hundred, with drums beating, flags flying, and all the pomps and circumstance of a glorious war (in time of peace), yesterday paraded to celebrate the ratification or adoption of the Fifteenth amendment or something of that sort. Three colored companies were out. Their appearance was good. In a wagon drawn by four horses were a number of girls dressed in white, representing each State of the Union and all shades of colored complexion. Then there were several "societies" and numerous dignitaries in backs. Seven or eight policemen, mounted upon ex-cavalry horses, led the van, and added to the imposing character of the demonstration. The parade was a grand one in the blazing sun (same sun heretofore referred to by John Jasper) they repaired to Gamble's Hall and were there addressed by Rev. Walter Brooks and Lawyer Brooks and others.

SPEECH-MAKING AT THE CITY HALL.

The authorities representing the demonstration of colored people sent an invitation to Postmaster-General Key, ex-Vice-President Hamlin, Senator Kirkwood, and the other visiting statesmen, to review and address them. They accepted, and about 5 o'clock P. M. the procession reached the City Hall by way of Broad street. A little later Messrs. Key and Hamlin and Colonel A. Q. Holladay, assistant postmaster, arrived in a carriage. The crowd took its position in the gutter, to the front and centre of the line and opposite the White street door of our palatial City Hall. While the carriage was getting thus located the band played "Nearer My God to Thee" in musical style.

Between the carriage—the rostrum of the occasion—and the City Hall door a picket-line was thrown out. The first person who attempted to cross it was a colored woman. Down came the soldier's bayonet and stopped her. He held her so close that she could not get past. She told him she should, said she: Hyar nigger! Dis here ain't no war. Wut you stoppin' me for? I'm gwine 'bout my business. Let me 'bance.

And across the line she bounced. The soldier had much difficulty in restraining his ground and carrying out his order; but he did his best.

That's all any man of my color or condition can do.

Lawyer Fry, a young colored man of this city, introduced Postmaster-General Key. The Postmaster-General said: Fellow-citizens,—I didn't appear here to me.

I feel flattered at your invitation to be here, and accept it as an evidence of your good feeling to the Government of the United States, and not to me as representing one department of the Government, but as representing the people who will be called upon to address you, and who will probably be able to interest you more than I can. I am glad that we are all citizens of a free and united country. I've been far South, and I find good feeling prevailing everywhere. The people are industriously at work, and seem to be doing well. There is but one way for people to be independent and prosperous, and that is by making all they can and saving all they can. A free government is a government which allows to every man the opportunity of making his own living in the best way and with the least burden.

I have always heard a good account of the colored people of Richmond, and I am glad that I have had this opportunity to meet them. [Applause.]

SENATOR KIRKWOOD.

After a piece had been played by the band Lawyer Fry introduced Senator Kirkwood, who, as a man who would tell them something about the great West.

Senator Kirkwood said: I am not here to say a word about politics. But I am here to say a few words perhaps more interesting to you. As has been stated, I live in Iowa, and those of you acquainted with Iowa, and those of you who are a Republican State, [wild applause.]

The people of my State are working people. Many of them have earned competency by honest labor, and what I particularly wish to say to you, my friends, is that the only way to get on by honest, strict industry, and economy. The law has done all that it can for you.

You would all like to be well off, wouldn't you? [Universal grin in the affirmative.] Well, then, earn something every day—earn \$2 if you can, \$3 if you can, \$5 if you can, \$10 if you can't earn that, earn \$1, or 75 cents, or 50 cents.

Earn something. If you follow this course, just as sure as the world is round you will succeed. The world is round, isn't it? [Suppressed laughter in vicinity of carriage.]

Senator Kirkwood was then interrupted by a friend, who said that he had a great injury as one who doesn't teach you honor and square-dealing. I give you this advice: Be truthful, Be honest, Be industrious, Be careful.

When you are this, you will have your own respect and the respect of all around you. [Applause.]

Brief interval of music and capering of horses of marshals and other dignitaries.

Here calls for "Hamlin." "Hamlin" (and a few for "Hamlet") were made by Lawyer Fry suggested that a committee be appointed to wait upon Mr. Hamlin and invite him to show himself, even if he didn't desire to speak.

Postmaster-General Key remarked that a moment before he had seen Mr. Hamlin near the doorway of the City Hall.

Some one stated that Mr. Hamlin had gone down to the city hall.

Some calls were now made for Colonel Holladay, but the Colonel didn't seem disposed to address the multitude. He didn't respond.

BEGGED TO BE EXCUSED.

Captain Ben. Scott, who seemed to be master of ceremonies, went up to the carriage, and, taking off his cap, in a profoundly polite way said they didn't come there for political reasons, and if they were more for peace to be shown they begged to be excused.

Excused.

Thereupon the ceremonies ended.

A FIGHT AMONG THE ELEPHANTS.—On Sunday morning the herd of elephants belonging to John Robinson's circus became belligerent while crossing the South Anna river en route to Louisa Courthouse. Elephant Bismarck was thrown over the bridge by Chief, and would have been drowned but for the assistance of many of the circus employes and citizens who witnessed the fight. No person was hurt.

SUNDAY DRINKING.—All the bar-rooms, or nearly all of them, were closed on Sunday, and the average citizen found not a single saloon open to him on that day. The warning Judge Christian has given the bar-keepers was probably the cause.

POLITICAL.—The City Conservative Committee will hold a meeting at the Merchants' Hotel to-morrow evening to make the final arrangements for holding the primary election on the 7th of May.

RESPONSES FROM CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNCIL.—Dr. T. Jefferson Riddell, of Jefferson Ward, says:

1. I am unequivocally in favor of free schools. I have always believed it to be important upon every Government to extend its efforts to its people the advantages of a practical common-school education. These schools, however, should be conducted upon an economical and proper basis.

2. While I am an earnest advocate of progress and improvement, yet I am decidedly of opinion that, after streets having been laid out and grades established, if the city proposes to make alterations to the detriment and injury of any citizens' property, it should be unquestionably obligatory upon the city to pay full indemnity for property thus injured.

3. I have never thought it was either right or just that citizens should be compelled to pay for public gas. The streets and public buildings should be furnished at the expense of the city and not at the expense of citizens; and that consumers of gas should be required to pay for it.

J. Taylor Elyson, Esq., of Monroe Ward, says:

1. Our public schools are now regarded as among the best in the country. They deserve our most cordial support, and I should be in favor of making such liberal appropriations as would ensure their highest degree of usefulness.

2. Where established grades are altered for the public benefit, and to the injury of private property, it is proper that the owner should be compensated for loss resulting from such alterations.

3. In regard to the question of conducting the gas-works so as to lessen the cost to the consumer, I have no hesitation in saying that the cost of lighting the streets and public buildings should be provided for like any other expense, and the price of gas so reduced as to furnish it to the consumer at the lowest possible rate.

LIQUOR-DEALERS' PIC-NIC.—The Liquor-Dealers' Protective Association had a pleasant time at the James-River Brewery Park yesterday. The attendance was large, among whom were many ladies. The entertainment comprised dancing, target-shooting, hammer-throwing, and various other sports. Nearly all the candidates for office were on the grounds, and joined in the festivities.

The most amusing incident of the occasion was the distribution of the prizes for the best five shots. Upon a signal given by the cornet of the band the spectators of both sexes assembled in the pavilion all pulled out their pistols and commenced shooting. Mr. T. N. Page, in a neat and amusing speech, alluding en passant to the persecution of the liquor-dealers of this city, announced that the first prize had been awarded to Mr. D. C. Ellett for making the largest score. Mr. Ellett came forward, and was presented with a barrel, which was carefully opened, and proved to be a cabbage-head. The outburst of laughter was immense.

Mr. A. N. Parker, being the next best shot, received as prize a small china doll. A Stoble came next, and received a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's soothing-syrup.

The fourth prize—a miniature iron knife, fork, spoon, &c.—was awarded to Mr. John (Jack) Murphy.

Mr. William Talman was the recipient of a fine-cloth umbrella as a reward for his fine workmanship.

The three best throwers of the hammer were—first